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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Etsuko KADOWAKI, Tomoyoshi HIGASHI, Wataru OGUCHI, Hiroshi UCHIDA, and Kousuke NARUMI

SUPPORT AND CATALYST FOR USE IN PRODUCING LOWER ALIPHATIC CARBOXYLIC ACID ESTER, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE CATALYST AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING LOWER ALIPHATIC CARBOXYLIC ACID ESTER USING THE CATALYST

Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.

Our Ref: 079559

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 09/889,354 (Confirmation No. 2659) filed July 17, 2001 of Etsuko KADOWAKI, Tomoyoshi HIGASHI, Wataru OGUCHI and Hiroshi UCHIDA entitled CATALYST FOR USE IN PRODUCING LOWER ALIPHATIC CARBOXYLIC ACID ESTER, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE CATALYST AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING LOWER ALIPHATIC CARBOXYLIC ACID ESTER USING THE CATALYST and a Continuation in Part of Application No. 10/070,259 (Confirmation No. 2957) filed on March 4, 2002, of Etsuko KADOWAKI, Kousuke NARUMI and Hiroshi UCHIDA entitled SUPPORT FOR USE IN CATALYST FOR PRODUCING LOWER ALIPHATIC CARBOXYLIC ACID ESTER, CATALYST FOR PRODUCING LOWER ALIPHATIC CARBOXYLIC ACID ESTER USING THE SUPPORT, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE CATALYST, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING LOWER ALIPHATIC CARBOXYLIC ACID ESTER USING THE CATALYST.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract (85 pages) and one (1) sheet of drawings.

A copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>71</u>	-	20	=	<u>51</u>	x	\$18.00	=	\$918.00
Independent claims	<u>9</u>	-	3	=	<u>6</u>	x	\$86.00	=	\$516.00
Base Fee									\$770.00
Multiple Dependent Claims									290.00
TOTAL FEE									\$2494.00

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge \$1230.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority and benefit are claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
United States	60/218,803	July 18, 2000
Japan	2000-192964	June 27, 2000
PCT	PCT/JP01/05532	June 27, 2001
United States	60/273,343	March 6, 2001
Japan	2001-036038	February 13, 2001
Japan	2001-373675	December 7, 2001
PCT	PCT/JP02/01156	February 12, 2002

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/889,354 and Application No. 10/070,259

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 10/070,259. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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